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AFL Opens '52 Fight On H-C-L

Demands Congress Change Price Act This Session

Meany Pledges On-The-Record Campaign

Washington.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany said that every effort will be made to force Congress to vote at this session on strengthening the price control provisions of the Defense Production Act as recommended by President Truman.

He spoke over Mutual Broadcasting System.

Mr. Meany said that never before in history has there been "such a brazen betrayal by Congress of the public interest in a national crisis" as occurred in passage of the loose Defense Production Act by the Dixiecrat-Republican coalition in control.

"Labor will not let this issue die," he said.

"President Truman has called upon Congress to repeal the 3 worst provisions of the economic control law. The coalition is on the spot.

"When Congress resumes its sessions after Labor Day, every effort will be made to force a vote on this issue before adjournment. If the coalition seeks to avoid the issue or if it succeeds in defeating the proposals to improve the law and protect consumers, the voters of this country will know whom to hold responsible for unjustified increases in the cost of living.

"The American Federation of Labor is convinced that this is the clearest example yet presented to the American people of the accumulating misdeeds of the reactionary bloc in Congress since 1946.

"To a large extent, this shameful record has not yet penetrated the public consciousness.

"But when the housewives and the wage-earners of the nation get hit in the pocketbook by exploding price ceilings they will not hesitate to hit back at the lawmakers who deserted their interests.

"When the price of meat goes up because Congress refused to permit much-needed rollbacks, the customers will be interested in learning how their Senators and Congressmen voted on that issue.

"When the cost of clothing and furniture goes up because of cost-plus-profit guarantees in the controls law, the people will want to know how their elected Representatives in Congress voted on that provision.

"The American Federation of Labor is going to tell them.

"We are going to prepare box-scores on the key rollcall votes. We are going to conduct the broadest political education program in labor's history for the 1952 elections.

"Our trade-union movement is entering the political arena not by choice, but from necessity. In Congress and in the state legislatures we have found that the big business interests have been able to wipe out almost overnight freedoms and gains that the working people of this country were able to win only after years of patient organization and collective bargaining.

"We are determined to halt and reverse that trend. We do not believe that the American people, once they know all the facts, will want to march backwards with the reactionaries and erase the progress which has helped to make the American standard of living the highest in the world.

"To those political strategists who are attempting to corral organized labor into their own political camp, let me issue a final note of warning.

"The working people of this country are not going to be lassoed and hogtied. Our labor movement represents perhaps the largest independent political force in this country. We are going to stay independent. We will permit no political party to place its brand on us.

"Everything that the workers of America ever achieved in economic and social progress we got by fighting for it. We intend to put up the same kind of fight now in the political arena. We will support candidates for public office who deserve our support, we will oppose candidates who have earned our opposition, but in each case the record, not the political label, will be the controlling factor."

UNION LABEL WEEK IN HONOLULU.—Honolulu, Hawaii.—Mayor John H. Wilson of the capital city of the Hawaiian Islands, wearing a lei of pine cones from the Mayor of Vancouver, British Columbia, signs the proclamation fixing AFL Union Label Week, Sept. 2-8, which was celebrated in major cities from New York to these far islands of the Pacific. Watching, l. to r., are members of the growing AFL movement in Hawaii: Frank H. Almond, Typographical Local 37; Johnny Akaka, Musicians Local 677; A. S. Relle, Ironworkers Local 625 and secretary-treasurer Honolulu Central Labor Council; James H. Farmer, IATSE Local 665; Larry Miyata, Carpenters Local 745; William Jhun, Electrical Workers Local 1186; Joseph K. Waiwaiole, Operating Engineers Local 3; Carl Christiansen, Sailors Union of the Pacific and president Central Labor Council; Gilbert H. Walsh, Boilermakers Local 204.

Green Says 82d Must Redeem Self

Washington.—AFL President William Green said that Congress has been given "a final chance to redeem itself" for passing a weak Defense Production Act by accepting 3 changes recommended by President Truman.

Mr. Truman requested Congress to repeal the Capehart and Herlong amendments which pass on all higher costs to the consumer and guarantee pre-Korean profits. He asked Congress to impose livestock slaughtering quotas."

Speaking over National Broadcasting Company's radio network, Mr. Green said these 3 changes would save consumers a great part of the $16 billion increase in the cost of living predicted under the present law.

Mr. Green said that Soviet Russia's attempt to conquer the world poses the only external threat to American freedom.

He called on Americans not to relax their efforts to build up our own and the free world's defense against Communist aggression. He said in part:

"We in America cannot afford to relax our efforts or to diminish the scope of the defense program merely because we have won the first skirmish in the struggle against Communist aggression. On the contrary, we must forge ahead with reinforced determination to complete the job of protecting world peace and security.

"The workers of America are concentrating on that goal and will not pause until it is won. On this Labor Day all Americans can take pride in the achievements of free labor during this defense program. They have fulfilled their appointed tasks faithfully and loyally, surpassing all previous production records.

"But the danger to America does not come only from external sources. Our people, and especially the workers of our country, are being simultaneously subjected to aggression from within. That aggression stems not from communism, but from the opposite extreme, toryism.

"The 8 million members of the American Federation of Labor want no part of toryism, socialism or communism. We are determined to break the aggressive power of the Tory coalition in Congress in the American way.

"The test will come in the 1952 elections. Labor is preparing for that test. We are going to get out the full vote. Before the elections take place, labor will expose the shameful record of the coalition which has called for their defeat whether they be Republicans or Democrats.

"With the facts before them, the American people can be relied upon to vote right. I am confident that they will sweep the Tory coalition out of power and elect a new Congress that will protect American security, American freedom and American progress from all enemies."

HANDICAPPED HIRED

Washington. — Handicapped workers are being placed in every kind of industry geared to defense.

New Millions Hear of Union Label

'BLATANT BLOCKHEADS' SEIZE GOP FOREIGN POLICY CONTROL

Washington.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany said in his Labor Sunday radio network speech that the disintegration of America's foreign policy after the death of Republican Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg "has been little short of tragic."

"Senator Vandenberg left no heir in the Republican Party," Mr. Meany said. "Its foreign policy leadership appears to have been taken over by a few blatant blockheads who either lack comprehension of the terrible danger we face or are willing to gamble with the security of our nation in the hope of gaining political advantage.

"Fortunately, these misleaders of the Republican Party cannot control Congress on foreign affairs."

TO APPEAL

Washington. — President Anthony Valente of the United Textile Workers announced that his union would appeal to the AFL convention in San Francisco the granting by the AFL Executive Council of a charter of affiliation to the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

The Executive Council granted the charter at its Montreal meeting last August.

Texas and D.C. Observe 'Week' For the First Time

Washington.—Millions of new customers were made for union label goods and services during Union Label Week Sept. 2-8.

For the first time in history, AFL Union Label Week was proclaimed as an official observation in Texas, District of Columbia and other states and cities.

Mayors from New York to Honolulu and from Rio Grande to the Canadian border broadened and spread the observation by proclamations for their own cities.

Union Label, conceived and fostered by Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL, is the only movement of its kind in the world. No other trade union movement attempts anything like it to foster the sale of goods and services by fair employers of union members.

AFL President William Green pointed out that by asking for goods and services with union labels the purchasers protect and preserve American standards of work and wages and excellence of quality.

SUPPORTS CUBAN SUGAR QUOTA.—Havanna, Cuba.—Walter Mason (second from left), AFL legislative representative, pledges full AFL support for legislation in U. S. Congress to maintain present sugar allotment for Cuba and AFL opposition to whittle any part of it away for undemocratic Peru and Dominican Republic. L. to r., Francisco Aguirre, regional secretary ICFTU; Mr. Mason, Emilio Suri Castillo, general secretary National Federation of Sugar Workers and member Cuban parliament; Eusebio Mujal, general secretary Cuba Confederation and Senator; Dr. Oscar Gans, minister of justice.

(Editor's Note: Since this photo was made, Senor Castillo was killed Sept. 1 in an automobile accident near Havana.)

SOAK-THE-POOR, SPARE-THE-RICH

Washington.—The Senate Finance Committee voted to increase the tax on packages of 20 cigarettes 1 cent in the new tax bill it is preparing to report.

At the same time, it went along with the House, which has already passed a tax measure, not to change the tax on cigars.

HITS 700,000

Washington.—The AFL International Association of Machinists said that more than 100 victories in National Labor Relations Board elections in June, July and August had boosted membership to 700,000.

The IAM won 36 polls in June, 41 in July and 27 to Aug. 20.

COMMUNISM BANKRUPT

Washington. — Communism is bankrupt, AFL President William Green said in his Labor Day radio address.

"It has failed the people so completely that it dares not let them compare their conditions with those prevailing in the free world beyond the Iron Curtain."

AFL Calls Parley To Draft Program On Mexican Labor

El Paso, Tex.—AFL President William Green called delegates of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California State Federations of Labor to meet here Sept. 6 to draft a program on Mexican labor imports.

The meeting is a follow-up of a series of conferences held last March and April with spokesmen for the Mexican Confederation of Labor and its union affiliates.

In sending his call to presidents and secretary-treasurers of the four state federations, President Green suggested that they adopt policies dealing with migratory labor agreements, wetback labor, enforcement of immigration laws, control of workers entering border cities legally and illegally for daily work, consideration of entering pacts with free trade union movement of the Republic of Mexico, strengthening of legislation.

Groundwork has been laid for negotiating agreements between the AFL and Mexico Federation of Labor that would forestall the greedy exploitation of Mexican workers and undercutting of American standards by the big business farmers who are beneficiaries of the notorious farm labor import bill passed by the Dixiecrat-Republican 82d Congress.

The two national labor organizations have explored the possibility that Mexican workers admitted under the U. S.-Mexican agreement would cross the border under the protection of the AFL and Mexican Federation of Labor, taking up union membership, refusing to work for scales below those paid AFL unions, refusing to work where there is discrimination against Mexicans, blocking entrance for known Communists.

The El Paso conference is expected to condemn failure of the House of Representatives to appropriate funds requested for the U. S. Immigration Service to prevent entrance of "wetbacks" and to deport such workers who swim or wade the Rio Grande river to enter this country illegally.

Neither House of Congress has yet acted on President Truman's request and the pointed suggestions of Mexico to strengthen the farm labor import bill, which ignored all recommendations of President Truman's Commission on Migrant Labor and eliminated all penalties for employment of illegal wetbacks.

The House refused to vote a penny of the $6.5 million asked for the Immigration Service and approved only $70,000 for the U. S. Labor Department's Farm Placement Service to recruit American workers.

J. Luther Cobb, director AFL southern office, will represent Mr. Green at the 4-state conference.

Montana AFL Opposes Mexican Import Labor

Butte, Mont.—The 54th convention of the Montana State Federation of Labor opposed the employment of imported Mexican nationals to perform any work outside of agriculture, particularly in the building and construction industry.

The Mexicans are imported under a slave-labor agreement negotiated by the State, Labor and Justice Departments at the direction of the Dixiecrat-Republican controlled 82nd Congress, which passed a law to undercut American wage and living standards by exploiting imported Mexican nationals as "contract labor."

Brought into the country to supply cheap labor for the big business farmers, the Mexicans drift into many other occupations in building and construction, railroading and service trades. More than 500,000 enter the country as "wetbacks" by swimming or wading the Rio Grande.

In other actions, the Montana AFL opposed a general sales tax and excise tax for any purpose; asked a 40-hour week for state employes; tenure laws and academic freedom for teachers; participation in the 6th United Nations Day next October.

A gift of $600 was voted to the widow of the late James D. Graham, long president of the Montana AFL, who died June 9. Former Sen. Burton K. Wheeler eulogized the late Mr. Graham.

Sen. James E. Murray told of his long fight for Missouri and Columbia river valley authorities to prevent floods and conserve natural resources. Gov. John W. Bonner promised his administration would cooperate fully with organized labor. Other speakers included Secretary of State Sam W. Mitchell, former vice president AFL Retail Clerks International Association.

Officers elected for 2-year terms are:

James S. Umber, Missoula, Carpenters, president, to succeed Acting President John H. Driscoll on Jan. 1, 1952; Frank Boot, Somers, Lumber and Sawmill Workers, vice president.

Board members—Frank J. Birmingham, Butte, Teamsters; James E. Johnston, Bonner, Lumber and Sawmill Workers; E. H. Hilford, Billings, Hod Carriers; Stanley Thurston, Helena, Typographical Union; Reva Walterskirchen, Missoula, Hotel and Restaurant Workers; M. Julia Burke, Anaconda, Teachers; Walter Davidson, Great Falls, Plumbers; Carl Rydberg, Kalispell, Hod Carriers.

The 1952 convention will be held next August at Missoula.

Danish Traces Labor News Rise

Retired Editor of ILGWU 'Justice' Pioneered In Union Journalism

By MAX D. DANISH

(Former Editor, "Justice," monthly publication of AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who retired May 22, 1951.)

New York.—My first official connection with this union was as manager of a local, a tiny local, to be sure, and I would not tell you what my salary was. That local was shortly swallowed up in a "cartel operation" initiated by our good friend Harry Greenberg.

Then, the late President Schlesinger asked me to do some publicity work for the union and to manage the old Ladies' Garment Worker. That was in 1914. Something told me at that time that it was not going to be a steady job. It only lasted until 1951.

Five years later all our local publications were merged into one—"Justice." Our publicity work became expanded both in depth and coverage, growing as the union grew and responding to its needs.

The ILGWU's venture into labor journalism has been a pioneering venture, in the truest sense of the term. The modern type of labor newspaper or journal—and there are dozens and dozens of them—is patterned largely on the style, format and general content of "Justice," including some of our shortcomings.

Since imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, we should be happy indeed to settle for that.

I cannot help offering my heartfelt appreciation to our president for the complete freedom he has given me all these years in the managing of our paper, a confidence which I can interpret only as recognition that I have consistently adhered editorially to the policies and principles of the ILG and its governing bodies.

And the same, even in a more convincing degree, is true of the publicity work our union has carried on during the past 35 years.

In 1915 labor publicity rested mostly on a police blotter level. Today, you know, of course, that labor is big copy in the newsrooms of America, and this change has not been accomplished with mirrors.

Our union has made a small contribution toward this profound change. I only wish to underscore here the very well-known fact that the major factor in the widespread popularity of this great union, and its huge prestige at home and abroad, has been simply because Dubinsky himself, whose genius for sound public relations, his rich imagination and understanding of the values of community good will, is without equal in the entire labor movement.

MAX D. DANISH

New York.—Dean of labor editors retired after 39 years editing "Justice," official publication AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. He is director Labor Press Associated and vice president AFL International Labor Press of America.

I have come to observe in the many years of my belonging to our movement, that there is a disposition on the part of some of our elite, some of our active frontline people to wrap themselves in a martyr's mantle.

Because they have chosen to cast their lot with the cause of organized labor, some of them are inclined to think that the world owes them a debt which can hardly be repaid. I cannot somehow share this kind of mentality. For myself I am willing to say that the ILG owes me nothing.

On the other hand, I feel that what inner satisfaction, whatever peace of mind has come to me over the years, has been derived, to no small degree, from my affiliation with this grand union and from the modicum of service I have been able to give—it—in good as well as hard times.

Some 30-odd years ago I became qualified to enter the lawyers' profession. Well, I did not—not because of fear that I would not make good—competition in the practice of labor law was not as keen as it is today—and I never regretted it. I thought that I was better fitted for service in a different field, and I am happy for having made that choice.

DANISH SERVED 4 PRESIDENTS, HELD MANY EDITORIAL HONORS

New York.—Max D. Danish served as editor of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union publications under 4 presidents and won many editorial honors during his long career.

Mr. Danish is a vice president of the International Labor Press of America, founded by Samuel Gompers, which will hold its 40th anniversary convention in San Francisco, Sept. 6-8.

He is a life director ex-officio of Labor Press Associated, the daily labor news service from Washington, in appreciation for his pioneering work in the field of labor journalism and his counsel.

ILGWU presidents under whom Mr. Danish served were Abraham Rosenberg, Benjamin Schlesinger, Morris Sigman and David Dubinsky.

Louis Stark Goes to N.Y.

Washington.—Louis Stark, Washington labor reporter for The New York Times, moved from that position to editorial writer with headquarters in New York effective Oct. 1.

Mr. Stark, who covered his first AFL convention in 1919 in Atlantic City, reported the 1951 convention in Houston last year, compiling a record of covering more AFL conventions than any other daily newspaper reporter.

President Truman, AFL President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany joined with other labor, industry and government officials in praising Mr. Stark's services and wishing him well in his new position.

The felicitations were read at a dinner given Mr. Stark by his newspaper and public relations colleagues at the National Press Club.

Mr. Stark recalled that he had seen labor news coverage grow to front page importance in daily newspapers and predicted it would retain that prominence for another 25 years easily.

10 Minneapolis Hospitals Sign

Milwaukee Wis.—The 10 Minneapolis hospitals, which welched on arbitrators' awards to the AFL Building Service Employes Union, have now signed contracts.

But the international union must fight a propaganda campaign in "The Modern Hospital," whose August issue carried a biased, unfactual account of the strike under the headline, "Labor Gets Rough in Minneapolis."

BSEIU Secretary-Treasurer William Cooper wrote a letter of protest to the magazine. The BSEIU "Report to Locals" carried the union's side of the story which was ignored by the daily press and wire services.

That report showed that the hospitals forced their workers to walk off the job by refusing to put into effect, after more than 2 years, 2 arbitrators' awards issued under Minnesota's compulsory arbitration law. The hospitals then forced their employe back to work by an injunction obtained under the same law they refused to obey.

The hospitals have now signed with BSEIU Local 113 granting a 5-cents-an-hour wage increase retroactive to March 1, 1951, and another 5 cents an hour boost effective March 1, 1952. Nine agreements contain maintenance-of-membership provisions and one a union shop.

TEXAS SIGNS

Austin, Tex. — Gov. Allen Shivers proclaimed Union Label Week in Texas Sept. 3-9, the first official observance of its kind in this state.

The Texas State Federation of Labor advised central councils and local unions to tie up with the state proclamation with local observances to build good will for organized labor.

Condemn Use of Schools For Anti-Labor Purpose

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The 34th convention of the AFL American Federation of Teachers condemned the use of the public schools as a medium for anti-labor propaganda.

Speakers and delegates said that in many places so-called "Jamboree days" or "business-education days" (the Chamber of Commerce anti-labor device) are being used as a means of propagandizing against unions.

Pointing out that there is a place for a carefully planned study of American industry in the schools, the convention said the public schools should never be used as a medium for promoting the anti-labor programs of those industries which oppose trade unionism.

The convention launched a vigorous counter-attack against those powerfully organized interests which are currently attacking public education and the freedom of teachers.

President John Eklund, AFL delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and Secretary-Treasurer Irvin R. Kuenzli, president of the new International Federation of Free Teachers Unions, told the convention in opening addresses that labor and education are the two great forces in the world today which have the potential power to build a world of brotherhood and peace.

Mr. Eklund, of Denver, and Mr. Kuenzli, Chicago, were re-elected. The following vice presidents were chosen:

Jessie I. Baxter, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Karl Benson, Toledo, O.; Mary C. Cadigan, Dorchester, Mass.; Sophie Campbell, Providence, R. I.; John M. Fewkes, Chicago; James L. Fitzpatrick, Milwaukee; Mrs. Veronica A. Hill, New Orleans; Ann Maloney, Gary, Ind.; Kathleen McGuire, Anaconda, Mont.; Cecile S. Oliver, Portland, Ore.; Edwin M. Ross, Oakland, Calif.; Catherine Sheridan, New York; Mary R. Wheeler, Oak Park, Ill.; Selma M. Borchardt, who is also Washington representative.

TAKES NEW POST

Djakarta, Indonesia — Cushman Reynolds, former Labor Press Associated staff member and staffer for the Seafarers Log, publication of the AFL Seafarers International Union, took up his new duties as an attache at the U. S. Embassy.

ENROLLMENT

Washington.—More than one-fifth of the nation's total population will be enrolled in public and private schools and colleges throughout the United States during the 1951-52 academic year.

Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, said the Office of Education's advance estimates point to the highest enrollment ever recorded—33,121,000, which surpasses even the 1950-51 peak of 32,703,000.

The most substantial enrollment rise will be at elementary school level. Last year's elementary school enrollment was 23,686,000. This year's estimate is 24,468,000.

Secondary school enrollments will rise slightly over those of 1950-51. The number of pupils in all types of high schools during the past year stood at 6,142,000. This year's figure is estimated at 6,168,000.

There were 2,500,000 students in higher education institutions during 1950-51. It is expected that this number will probably drop to 2,225,000 during 1951-52.

HICKEY APPOINTED

New York.—Thomas L. Hickey, secretary-treasurer Teamsters Union Local 807, was appointed by International President Daniel J. Tobin to be an international vice president.

West Virginia AFL Votes Inquiry of State U.C.

Huntington, W. Va.—The 49th convention of the West Virginia State Federation of Labor ordered establishment of a special committee to investigate the handling of claims by the State Unemployment Compensation Department.

The West Virginia AFL accused the state agency of being "unrealistic and biased" in accepting employers' statements while ignoring workers' in processing claims.

The state federation was directed by the 200 delegates to work for legislation from the present law the penalty provisions relating to the stoppage of work because of a strike or dispute.

The federation supported a proposal by Rep. M. G. Burnside that Congress declare the proposed state veterans' bonus not subject to inflationary rulings of the National Voluntary Credit Restraint Committee. The committee, at the request of Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson, has blocked West Virginia's issuance of a veterans' bonus from a bond issue approved by the state legislature.

E. A. Carter was re-elected president for his 6th term and Volney Andrews secretary-treasurer for a 12th term. W. R. Reed, Huntington, Plumbers Local 521, was elected to the new post of state executive vice president.

Mr. Andrews in accepting re-election urged a continuing campaign for recognition of the AFL label on all union-made products.

The 50th convention will be held at Wheeling Oct. 2-4, 1952.

HONOR ANTONINI

New York.—AFL President William Green spoke at a luncheon given by the Italian Dressmakers Union honoring the return from Italy of Luigi Antonini, vice president AFL International Ladies Garment Workers and an AFL delegate to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

100,000 PLACED

Washington.— Over 100,000 more handicapped workers were placed in productive jobs during 1950 than in 1949.

CIO Fails to Accept Bid For Merger Conference

Washington.—CIO President Philip Murray said that the dissolution of the United Labor Policy Committee is "regrettable."

But he delayed a direct reply to the AFL invitation to "resume at the earliest opportunity negotiations to bring about labor peace through organic unity."

"The entire subject must necessarily be reviewed by the competent agencies of the CIO, namely, its Executive Board and its convention," Mr. Murray said in a statement.

His statement was issued after the AFL representatives on the United Labor Policy Committee had delivered notice on Aug. 28 that they were withdrawing from the temporary arrangement.

The ULPC was organized on an emergency basis to deal with Big Business' effort to freeze labor out of the defense mobilization program. ULPC changed the set-up and its mission was accomplished.

"We emphasize," the AFL said, "that the United Labor Policy Committee was established on a temporary basis. Its operations never were and never could be regarded as a satisfactory substitute for organic unity of the free American trade union movement.

"To the American Federation of Labor there is no substitute for organic unity. Only through a united labor movement, merged into a single organization, can the workers of America attain the power, the status and the consideration which is their due."

However, to assure that the goodwill and fraternity engendered through the ULPC would not lapse, the AFL representatives proposed a resumption of organic unity talks at the earliest possible opportunity.

These talks reached the stage a year ago where standing committees of the AFL and CIO had agreed on the first steps of a plan for unity. Further talks were suddenly suspended by the CIO and there has been none since.

CONFER ON UNITED DEFENSE FUND.—Washington.—L. to r., William Collins, AFL regional director for New York and vice president United Defense Fund; H. J. Heinz, chairman 1951 Red Feather Campaign, and William A. Lee, president Chicago Federation of Labor, confer at White House with President Truman and other United Defense Fund leaders on plans for raising money for Community Chests and other welfare and health agencies this year.

Wisconsin Revamps LLPE

Superior, Wis. — The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor revamped Labor's League for Political Education for an intensive campaign in 1952 that will defeat Sen. Joseph McCarthy and elect liberal candidates to Congress in the great Wisconsin tradition.

The 59th Wisconsin AFL convention approved creation of united labor political committees in every community; raising of funds by local committees, and the endorsement of candidates by local groups.

The convention voted to continue the 1 cent per capita monthly tax for political education.

These decisions highlighted a convention opened by President George Haberman with a call to defeat Senator McCarthy. He described Mr. McCarthy as "an individual who would sell the security of his country for 30 headlines a month."

The convention called for creation of a state citizens' committee on public schools to be appointed by Gov. Walter Kohler, Jr., who addressed the convention. It opposed present curtailment of the postal service and favored annual paid vacations for building service employes.

Mr. Haberman was re-elected president. Secretary-Treasurer George W. Hall's tenure was another year.

Board members re-elected are William Connors, Madison; Roy Fletcher, Eau Claire; John Grant, Racine; Joe P. Maley, Milwaukee; L. E. Peterson, Superior; Murray Plopper, Milwaukee; Lawrence Rose, Oshkosh; Clarence Seefeld, Milwaukee; Emmett Terry, Green Bay; O. Weidman, Menominee Falls; Paul Whiteside, Kenosha.

Women's auxiliaries elected Mrs. Beatrice Weiland, Clintonville, president; Mrs. Anna Richter, Fond du Lac, secretary, and Mrs. Mae Thorson, Oshkosh, vice president.

Hugo Ernanson, Superior Federation of Labor, was general chairman of the convention committee.

DPA Seeks Union Help To Salvage Steel Scrap

Washington.—The Defense Production Administration appealed to the presidents of international unions to urge members to join in the salvaging of steel scrap for the nation's defense plants.

Union members were asked to serve on in-plant and community scrap salvage committees. DPA said in part:

"With the defense effort forcing steel production goals upward, the consumption of iron and steel scrap by mills and foundries is so great that the normal return of such scrap is far from sufficient.

"In order to assist in stepping up the flow of heavy iron and steel scrap the NPA is conducting a special program to discover and recover the dormant, heavy industrial scrap to be found in business, commercial and industrial plants.

"Salvage programs are set up in whole industries, individual factories, public utilities and among the agencies of the federal government. Industries such as the railroads, steel and petroleum, have set up industry salvage committees. In-plant scrap committees have been established by firms participating in the program and, on a geographical basis, scrap mobilization committees have been organized in the industrial communities.

"It is in this connection that the cooperation of local union members can be so helpful.

"The cooperation of the local union members with any request for their individual assistance from community scrap mobilization committees and from in-plant scrap salvage committees in the firms where they are employed is of the greatest importance.

"It will be greatly appreciated if you will inform your affiliated unions of the importance of this program so that they in turn can bring the matter to the attention of their members at the same time urging individual cooperation on the local level."

6 YEARS OLD

Washington. — Congress designated the first week in October as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week 6 years ago.

9,000 WANT TO GET ON GRAVY TRAIN

Washington.—More than 9,000 business firms have applied for the greatest government gravy train since the founding of the republic.

They want certificates of necessity for building new plants which will enable them to write off the cost by deducting the amount from their federal taxes over the next 5 years. They get the buildings—the taxpayers get the bill.

Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson called a 60-day halt in the handouts after 3,343 grants giving away $9,151,251,007 in federal tax money had been approved.

Retirement Payments Rise

Washington.—One year after enactment of the amended Social Security Act, on Aug. 28, 1950, federal family insurance payments have increased nationally by about 10 per cent.

Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing said 2 principal factors in the new law account for these increases. The one most immediately felt was the automatic increase in the level of payments, both to those already on the benefit rolls and to all new claimants in the past year.

Persons who had been receiving the average old-age retirement payment of about $26 now receive about $48. Minimum payments of $10 were doubled; the maximum old-age insurance payments—a year ago about $45—is now $68.50. The top payment to the family of an insured wage earner is now $150 a month.

The other principal reason for the much higher amount of payments is the larger number of persons made eligible for insurance benefits by provisions of the new law. For August 1950, payments were being made to 2,967,955 persons. The new provisions have boosted the number of aged retired persons, wives, widows, children, and dependent parents receiving payments to about 4,150,000 for the month of August 1951.

Thus the higher payments to more people have increased the national rate of payments from $61,641,000 monthly in August 1950 to about $147,075,000 monthly a year later.

Mr. Ewing emphasized that these are insurance payments based on earnings and that the money for this payment is not derived from general taxation but comes from the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, which has been built up by insurance contributions from workers and their employers.

IT'S 'TAK-A-WAY' 82d CONGRESS

Washington.—The AFL Government Employes Council said that unless the 82d Congress changes course quickly federal and postal employes might well designate it as the "Tak-a-Way Congress."

The council said that after 8 months in session about all the legislative activities that federal and postal employes can enumerate would be in the form of curtailment and reductions.

The AFL unions are seeking a 17 percent pay rise.

Paper Maker Twice-a-Month

Albany, N. Y.—The Paper Maker, monthly newspaper of the AFL Paper Makers union, stepped up to the twice-monthly bracket on the third anniversary of its founding. It labeled the move a "dividend" to its "stockholders."

The paper said it had found it possible to increase its frequency to twice a month mainly because it had found a way to print at reduced cost and increased speed. Formerly printed in Washington, D. C., by the photo offset method, it now is published in Albany by letterpress.

The Paper Maker 3 times has won the typographical excellence award of the International Labor Press of America.

REACH AGREEMENT

Atlantic City N. J.—The AFL American Flint Glass Workers and the nation's glass industry reached an agreement on a 6 percent wage increase for 1,800 moldmakers.

Engravers Re-Elect Volz

New York.—The 50th anniversary convention of the AFL International Photo-Engravers Union re-elected Edward J. Volz president and Matthew Woll 1st vice president.

Mr. Woll, former president of the union, is 2d vice president of the American Federation of Labor.

Other officers chosen are: Frank D. Smith, 2d vice president; Wilfrid P. O'Connell, 3d vice president; William H. Graf, 4th vice president; J. Arthur Rehage, 5th vice president; Henry F. Schmal, secretary-treasurer.

TLC DELEGATE

Washington.—Lee W. Minton, president AFL Glass Bottle Blowers Association, was appointed AFL fraternal delegate to the national convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, opening Sept. 10 at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Building Raises Given Approval

Washington.—The Wage Stabilization Board's Construction Industry Stabilization Commission agreed to accept the recently-announced policy of the WSB and approved wage increases.

Thus, it will upon examination of the application approve all deferred wage increases contained in contracts signed before Sept. 7, 1950, unless they are clearly inequitable, and will handle on an individual case-by-case basis those increases negotiated after Sept. 7, 1950.

The Construction Commission has set up a special 3-man panel of its members to expedite the handling of applications for increases up to 10 percent. Under the commission's first regulation, issued July 26, construction wages were in effect frozen to area rates.

Under WSB regulations for other industries, companies may give general increases up to 10 percent over the wage rates of January 1950 without coming to the board for approval, but the Construction Commission regulation requires all increases to be submitted for prior approval. Thus, the special panel will examine each request for a general increase, but this will make it possible for the applications to be acted upon almost as soon as they are received.

Teachers Seek Overtime Pay

Sacramento, Calif. — The AFL American Federation of Teachers challenged in California courts the rights of a school board to demote a teacher for refusing to police a night athletic contest without any pay for the overtime duty.

A union teacher was demoted and his salary decreased because of this refusal. AFT President John Eklund and Secretary-Treasurer Irvin R. Kuenzli announced the union is making a test case of the demotion.

(With the night football and basketball seasons ahead of them in the new school year thousands of teachers face similar demands to give their services and time after teaching hours without any extra compensation.)

In resolutions and panel discussions, the Teachers 34th convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., opposed the practice of compelling teachers to work long hours of overtime in addition to a full teaching day—without additional compensation.

In New York City, the teachers refused to perform "voluntary" extra-curricular activities because the Board of Education had consistently refused to grant salary increases demanded by the teachers to meet the greatly increased cost of living.

BEAT CIO

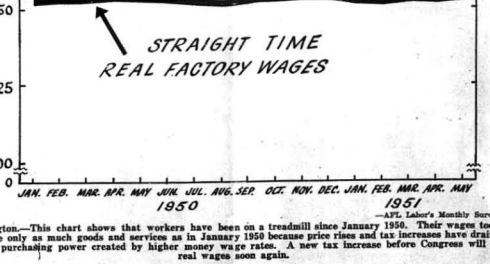
Lawrence, Mass.—The AFL United Textile Workers Local 1113 at Arlington Mills defeated a raid by the CIO Textile Workers Union by a 2 to 1 vote in a National Labor Relations Board election.

This was the third time that the AFL union has beaten off unprincipled raids by the CIO at this mill.

The AFL union also won an NLRB bargaining rights at the Framingham, Mass., Woolen Co. and Eastland Woolen Co., Corinna, Me.

WIN UNION SHOP

Toronto.—Nineteen pulp, paper and timber companies granted a 14¢ per cent wage increase and a union shop —first in the logging industry in Canada outside Newfoundland—to 20,000 workers represented by the AFL Brotherhood of Carpenters and Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.



Washington.—This chart shows that workers have been on a treadmill since January 1950. Their wages today purchase only as much goods and services as in January 1950 because price rises and tax increases have drained off any purchasing power created by higher money wage rates. A new tax increase before Congress will cut real wages soon again.

Liberals In Congress Urge Labor To Break GOP-Dixiecrat Bloc

Washington.—Liberals in Congress supported and elected by labor charge that the 82d Congress is controlled by a reactionary Republican-Dixiecrat bloc.

They appealed in Labor Day statements to Labor Press Associated, daily labor news service, for organized labor to elect more liberals to Congress in 1952 and to start work now.

LPA asked congressmen why Fair Deal legislation is stymied in this Congress and what the workers can do in 1952 to get a better Congress.

Rep. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) said: "Liberal legislation has suffered in this Congress because not enough Congressmen, regardless of any party affiliation, Republican or Democrat, have insisted and worked on getting it passed.

"A great deal more support for liberal measures is available from Republican legislators than is commonly imagined by labor people, provided that liberals in the Republican Party are encouraged to run for Congress with labor support. This is the way to counteract the influence of the southern wing of the Democratic Party."

Rep. John F. Shelley (D., Calif.) said: "The basic manner is simply that too many reactionary members of Congress were elected in 1950; too many liberal-labor voters stayed away from the polls.

"The Dixiegop group, made up largely of northern Republicans and southern Democrats, so-called, have set up a closed shop in Congress—a shop which handles practically nothing but trades between agriculture and big business interests whom they represent. Liberal-minded Congressmen can't get into the back door, and a coalition just doesn't deal with liberal legislation except to gang up on it and vote it down."

Rep. George M. Rhodes (D., Penn.): "This Congress is controlled by reactionaries and speaks for the special interests and not for the average American citizen. The reactionary coalition has a favorable press. Reactionaries are pictured in a favorable light while liberals are generally given the silence treatment."

Rep. Edward A. Garmatz (D., Md.): "The actions of some members of this Congress should teach us that all persons elected under the label of 'Democrat' or 'Republican' are not governed by the platforms of those parties. Many of them are willing to run on a ticket to secure the nomination, but forget the party when they reach Washington."

Rep. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.): "The loudest opposition to the Fair Deal has come from the Republican members of Congress. I sincerely believe they have the key to taking over the 83d Congress, and that key lies in blocking all Fair Deal legislation. Do nothing, stand pat, that is their guiding philosophy. That also happens to be the policy being pursued by some Democrats who are Democrats in name only."

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D., N.Y.): "The first lesson we must learn is that elections are never won on election day. They are won during all the weeks, months and even years before election day. They are won by political activity between elections."

Sen. Brien McMahon (D., Conn.): "The best service which can be rendered is to put the facts before the people NOW. In the highly-charged atmosphere of a political campaign, it is often impossible to get the issues before the people in proper perspective. But if the voters are currently informed of what is happening in Congress, they will form their own judgments on election day."

Rep. Thaddeus M. Machrowicz (D., Mich.): "The record of every member of Congress should be studied and publicized, not only by public general statements, but their actual votes on legislation. Unity of action among all labor groups must be secured. Only then can we hope and trust that in 1952 we may be assured of a Congress more devoted to the public welfare."

Rep. Franck R. Havenner (D., Calif): "It is significant that the policies advocated by special interest groups usually receive editorial support from a large majority of the newspapers of the country.

"I suggest that organized labor should give major attention to the problem of persuading the daily press of America to give a fair presentation of the economic and political viewpoint of the workers of the nation, not only in the news columns, but editorially as well."

Sen. Blair Moody (D., Mich.): "If the workers have a Congressman who truly represents the people's interests, start talking him up now; don't wait until the primary or the election. If, on the other hand, it is found that your Congressman is not responsive to the public will and the public need, start now to expose him and his record. Then begin the task of selecting and grooming for candidacy one who will be devoted to the public welfare, so that when primary election time comes, the voters will know your man and have confidence in him."

NEW WAGE BOARD CHAIRMAN.—Washington.—Nathan P. Feinsinger (right), University of Wisconsin professor, newly-appointed chairman Wage Stabilization Board, chats at the White House with his predecessor, Dr. George W. Taylor (center), who returned to his University of Pennsylvania professorship; President Truman and Fred Bullen (standing), secretary New York State Mediation Board, now WSB vice chairman.

Explains Vote To Editor

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Union Advocate requested and received an explanation from Rep. Eugene McCarthy why he voted against price rollbacks in the Defense Production Act.

Mr. McCarthy was listed as voting "wrong," that is, against price rollbacks, on the test vote selected by the AFL Labor League for Political Education. The vote was contrary to the announced stand of the AFL Executive Council.

The St. Paul labor weekly publicized Mr. McCarthy's vote and then Managing Editor A. F. Lockhart wrote to the Congressman, who made a perfect score on AFL voting records in both sessions of the 81st Congress, to ask how come.

Mr. McCarthy replied that after administration forces had been defeated in efforts to provide a subsidy program in the case of high cost producers and also to retain the slaughtering quotas, it was impossible to impose or enforce additional rollbacks on beef.

"It was my opinion that under these circumstances the Fugate amendment, which preserved what existing OPS orders had accomplished, was the best that could be expected," Mr. McCarthy said. "I therefore, supported the Fugate amendment."

The Union Advocate played his answer on page one.

Canada Set For Big Convention

Halifax, Nova Scotia.—More than 150 resolutions were submitted to the 66th annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Sept. 10-15.

Fraternal delegates were Herbert L. Bullock, former president British Trade Union Congress general council and a national officer of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, from Great Britain, and Lee W. Minton, president AFL Glass Bottle Blowers Association, from the American Federation of Labor.

Chairmen and secretaries of committees to serve the convention were: Credentials, J. Arthur O'Connell, Ottawa, vice president International Brotherhood of Paper Makers; J. O. Renaud, Montreal, vice president Sheet Metal Workers.

Officers' reports, R. K. Gervin, Vancouver, secretary Vancouver District Trades and Labor Council; Resolutions, Ford Brand, Toronto, secretary Toronto Trades and Labor Council and president Toronto Printing Pressmen Local 10; Legislative, Harry Cohoets, Toronto, general organizer Brotherhood of Painters, and Ben Paquin, Ottawa, Allied Trades and Labor Association.

UNION DUES TAX EXEMPT

Ottawa, Canada.—Secretary-Treasurer Gordon G. Cushing of the Trades and Labor Congress was named a member of the national committee to simplify procedures by which union dues can be deducted for income tax purposes.

After a long fight by the unions, annual dues have been declared tax exempt.

In the United States, union dues are exempt from income tax. Canceled checks or the monthly union dues receipt should be retained as proof of amount of payment.

Carpenters to Erect Memorial to McGuire

Camden, N. J.—The AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters will erect a $100,000 marble memorial to Peter J. McGuire, early president of the union, first secretary of the American Federation of Labor and "Father of Labor Day."

The shrine with a life-size statue of Mr. McGuire will be completed by July 6, 1952, the 100th anniversary of Mr. McGuire's birth, according to O. William Blaier, member of the Carpenters' executive board.

Mr. Blaier revealed plans for the memorial at the annual Labor Day pilgrimage conducted by the Camden Central Labor Union to Mr. McGuire's grave in Arlington Cemetery, at nearby Pennsauken, N. J.

Joseph J. McComb disclosed that a new $4.5 million federal housing project in East Camden would be known as the Peter J. McGuire Homes. Construction on the low-rent project is slated to start in October. The job is to be completed by next July.

More than 20 union leaders, officials and friends participated in the ceremonies commemorating the 67th Labor Day since Congress proclaimed the first Monday of September a national holiday in 1894.

Among them were three of Mr. McGuire's daughters, Myrtle and Lillian McGuire and Mrs. Kathryn Caya, all of Camden; three grandchildren, Mrs. Iris Rossell, Camden; Mrs. Dorothy Dougherty,, Merchantville, and Vincent Caya, and 5 great-grandchildren, Kathleen and Wallace Rossell.

Mr. McGuire first persuaded the New York Knights of Labor to hold a parade in New York City on the first Monday of September in 1881. Then he waged a continuing campaign to have that day made a national Labor Day holiday. Many states enacted the necessary legislation and Congress made it nation-wide in 1894.

Mr. McGuire died in Camden in 1906. He was born July 6, 1852, in Dublin.

Labor Meets Defense Test

Waashington.—Defense Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann said labor is producing as never before to meet the nation's defense production goals.

In a Labor Day statement, he said the most difficult stage of mobilization lies ahead. He expressed confidence that labor understands the problem and is cooperating to meet every challenge raised. He described the job in part:

"Most of the job of expanding our industrial activity sharply over the levels of 1950 must be done by the man in the mill, in the mine and at the machine.

"More workers on the job and, above all, more productivity in each man-hour are essential to keeping our peace strategy on schedule.

"Labor is meeting the challenge. One industry after another reports a steady increase in man-hour production.

"I am heartened by the knowledge based on personal contact with labor representatives both in and outside the government that labor, as workers and as citizens, understands the gravity of the world situation. Labor knows the issue is survival. The survival of the nation means the survival of free labor as well as our other free institutions."

AFL Mourns Abe Cahan

New York.—AFL President William Green and scores of other AFL officials expressed deep grief and regret upon the death of Abraham Cahan, 91, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward in Beth Israel Hospital, Aug. 31, three days before Labor Day.

AFL Vice President David Dubinsky, president International Ladies Garment Workers Union; President Alex Rose of the AFL United Hatters, and Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin were among the speakers at the rites Sept. 5.

Mr. Cahan, one of the staunchest friends of the American Federation of Labor, edited the Daily Forward for 41 years.

HOW LONG?

(From "Labor," railroad brotherhood weekly)

Washington.—"A man is known by the company he keeps." That's an old and true saying. Let's apply it to Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

An article written by Mr. Kline is published and lauded in the "Spotlight," bulletin put out by the Committee for Constitutional Government, reactionary propaganda organization lavishly financed by Big Business.

Mr. Kline is supposed to be the leader of the biggest organization of farmers, but he keeps company with the Big Business reactionaries who have always been the worst enemies of the farmers. How long will the farmers let Kline pose as one of their chief "spokesmen"?

MORE BABIES FOR BRITAIN

London, England.— The registrar-general estimates that 340,000 babies will be born in England and Wales in the last 6 months of 1951, or 10,000 more than in the last half of 1950.

Free Men Want No Red Pie-In-Sky

Toronto, Canada.—AFL President William Green said that the free trade union movement has heard and rejected "all the siren songs of the soothsayers and medicine men of communism, and of every other overnight cure."

"We have been shown all the bright visions of pie in the sky by and by, and not one of them has ever come to pass," he told the huge International Labor Day celebration.

Ignoring the lures, he said the trade union movement has gone on to greater achievements, higher standards and goals through freedom.

"We are still far from the end of our mission," he said. "Still too great are the numbers of those, even within our own borders, who are ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-clothed, and preyed upon. So long as this condition remains we are all the worse off, and the defenses of freedom are the weaker for it.

"The totalitarian menace arises out of the failure of societies to concern themselves with the welfare of all their members. That menace is enhanced by the resistance of reactionary forces in industry and governments to the aspirations of the underprivileged for recognition and a place in society.

"Those who seek to identify the concept of freedom with the stern and rigid denial of the legitimate desires of the people—for higher incomes, better education, better medical care, better homes, better opportunities for their children—are themselves among the greatest enemies of freedom in this day and age.

"Those free men who have succumbed to the lure of Communist promises are caught in stagnant pools, bound in the chains of slavery and starvation, the free labor movement remains in mainstream moving forward toward a better life. And with it moves the hope of the world."

ILO Members Ratify 1200

Geneva, Switzerland. — Member governments of the International Labor Organization have ratified more than 1,200 conventions which form a part of the International Labor Code.

This was revealed by ILO Secretary-General David A. Morse in his Labor Day greetings to North American labor.

Mr. Morse pointed out that Labor Day in North America is different from any other holiday anywhere else in the world. It draws attention to the fact that labor is united in its dignity and importance, and with other sectors of society.

"I hope this awareness of mutuality and interdependence may grow in the world," he said.

AID BOND DRIVE

Jackson, Miss.—W. L. Hines, president Mississippi State Federation of Labor, pledged an active part in the Defense Bond Drive Sept. 3-Oct. 27.

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